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INTRODUCTION

The publication of Profiles of National Coordinating Mechanisms Ageing is intended to facilitate cooperation in implementing the International Plan of Action on Ageing at national and international levels and between Government, professional and voluntary bodies. The Plan of Action was adopted by consensus by the World Assembly on Ageing, held at Vienna from 26 July to 6 August 1982, and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/51 of the same year.

The Plan of Action envisages a series of measures for its implementation. Within these, priority is accorded to national committees. Since the Plan's adoption, the committees have grown and diversified and have been largely replaced by national coordinating mechanisms, a term that conveys the notion of multiple interacting parts. A national coordinating mechanism's constituent parts may comprise councils, ministries, departments, bureaux, commissions, committees, advisory groups, offices, federations, divisions, political or religious groups, and task forces. It may be purely governmental, or non-governmental, or a mixture of both, but it will always work closely with the Government and be recognized as the national coordinating mechanism on ageing.

While no specific type of national coordinating mechanism can be a model for all, certain general principles appear to ensure effective national implementation of the Plan of Action, such as high-level Government representation and a strong participation of non-governmental organizations including organizations of the elderly. Core functions found to be effective include: (a) planning, coordination and evaluation; (b) advocacy and the diffusion of innovations in participation and care strategies for both the elderly and their care-givers; (c) research; and (d) fund-raising. National coordinating mechanisms are uniquely positioned to tap the reservoir of international development aid, including the United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing, which supports catalytic and innovative projects in such areas as policy formulation and self-help activities. The Trust Fund is managed by UNOV/CSDHA.

Some 70 national committees or national coordinating mechanisms were formed on the occasion of the World Assembly on Ageing; currently, there are 93 committees. It is expected that their number and strength will grow as the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Plan nears.

The action programme on ageing for 1992 and beyond, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/106 of 14 December 1990, envisages a central role for national coordinating mechanisms ranging from organizing a national anniversary programme to identifying, through broad consultations, a set of feasible targets to be reached at the national level in the decade 1992-2001.

PROFILES OF NATIONAL COORDINATING MECHANISMS ON AGEING

ARGENTINA

National Coordinating Mechanism on Ageing
c/o Ministry of Social Action
Under-Secretary for Minors
and the Family
Buenos Aires
Argentina

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AUSTRALIA

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COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Commonwealth Department of Community Services and Health.

The Office for the Aged maintains close links with other government departments including the following: Social Security, Veterans Affairs, Immigration, Local Government and Ethic Affairs and Prime Minister and Cabinet, and with its counterparts in the states.

The Office has established a formal consultative mechanism with consumers and their agencies through forums for the aged in each state and the national forum.

It also maintains involvement with professional and provider bodies.

An organizational chart is provided below.

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The Office for the Aged participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities on ageing; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; research; and publication of studies.

The Office has no formal international information exchange arrangements but responds to requests from abroad.

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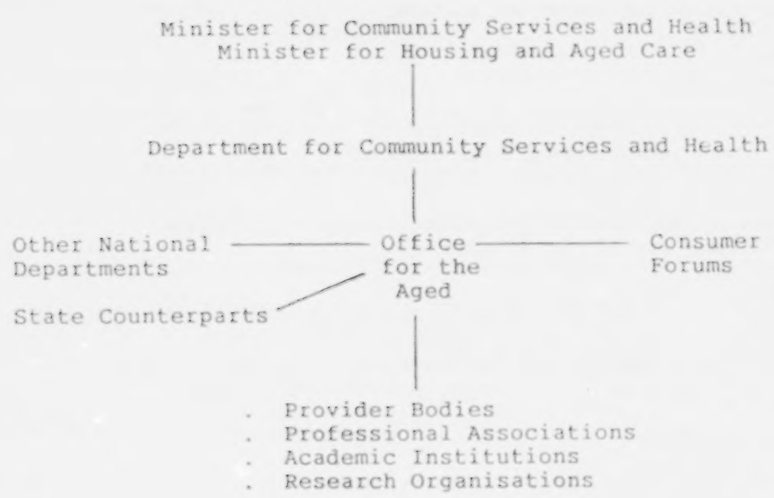

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HEADED BY: Dr. Richard Wotawa, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations Office at Vienna

NATURE: Governmental

At the local level, focal points on ageing have also been identified for Vienna and each province of Austria:

Amt der **Burgenländischen** Landesregierung
Eisenstadt, Landhaus
Telephone: 02682 or 998/6000

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5010 Salzburg, Chiemseehof
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Amt der **Kärntner** Landesregierung
9020 Klagenfurt, Arnulfplatz 1
Telephone: 0463 or 994/5360

Amt der **Steiermärkischen** Landesregierung
8011 Graz, Hofgasse
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Amt der **Niederösterr.** Landesregierung
1014 Vienna, Herrengasse 9
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6020 Innsbruck, Maria Theresienstr. 43
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4020 Linz, Klosterstrasse 7
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Amt der **Vorarlberger** Landesregierung
6900 Bregenz, Montfortstrasse 4
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BAHRAIN

National Committee for the Elderly
Social Welfare Section
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
P.O. Box 32333 Telephone: 68 78 00
Bahrain Telex: 9062 AMAL BN

HEADED BY: Mr. Abdulla Rashid Al-Madani, Under-Secretary

ENQUIRIES: Ms. Mariam Falah and/or Ms. Farida Salloum

COMPOSITION:

Sponsoring ministry: Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Other members: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Information
General Organization for Youth and Sports
Central Municipality

NATURE: Governmental/non-governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The National Committee for the Elderly participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans and policies; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities on ageing; and promotion of the rights of the elderly.

BANGLADESH

Bangladesh National Committee on Ageing
Ministry of Social Welfare and Women's Affairs
Dhaka
Bangladesh

HEADED BY: The Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs

BELGIUM

French-speaking community of Belgium

Conseil consultatif du Troisième âge de la communauté française de Belgique
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French-speaking Community of Belgium)
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HEADED BY: Mr. Eloy, President

ENQUIRIES: Ministère de la communauté française
Direction générale des affaires sociales
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1210 Bruxelles
Belgium

COMPOSITION:

Sponsored by: The Minister of Social Affairs and Health

Other members: Representatives of the ministers responsible for the third age, continuing education, health; and organizations of the elderly

NATURE: Governmental but autonomous

FUNCTIONS:

The Consultative Council on Ageing of the French-speaking Community of Belgium participates in policy-formulation.

Ageing-specific functions include: evaluation of activities on ageing; and advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly.

Flemish community of Belgium

(a) **Centre d'etudes de la population et de la famille (CBGS)**
(Centre for Population and Family Studies

Markiesstraat 1
1000 Brussels
Belgium

(b) **Conseil consultatif du Troisième âge de la communauté flamande**
(Consultative Council on Ageing of the Flemish Community)

Telephone: 02/507 3569
02/507 3111

HEADED BY: (a) Professor R. Cliquet (b) Ms. G. Devos, President

COMPOSITION:

Sponsored by: The State Scientific Centre, Ministry of the Flemish Community, and the Community Minister for Welfare and the Family.

Other members: Ministry of the Flemish Community
Ministry of Planning
Organizations of the elderly

An organizational chart is provided below.

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

Both the Centre for Population and Family Studies and the Consultative Council on Ageing of the Flemish Community participate in policy formulation.

Ageing-specific functions include: participation in implementation of plans and policies; evaluation of activities on ageing; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; training; research; and publication of studies.

The Centre and the Council exchange information with national coordinating mechanisms in the Netherlands and Poland, and with the Council of Europe.

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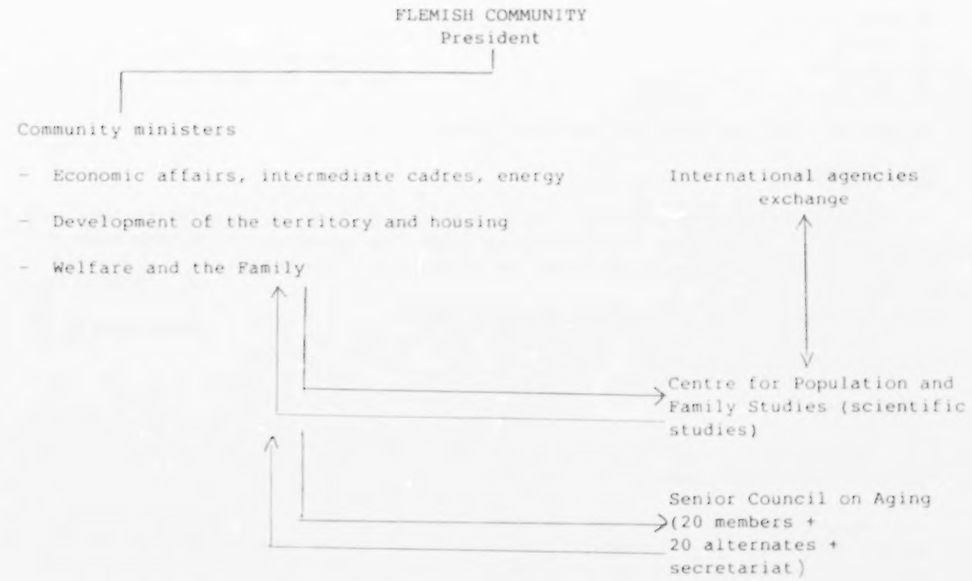

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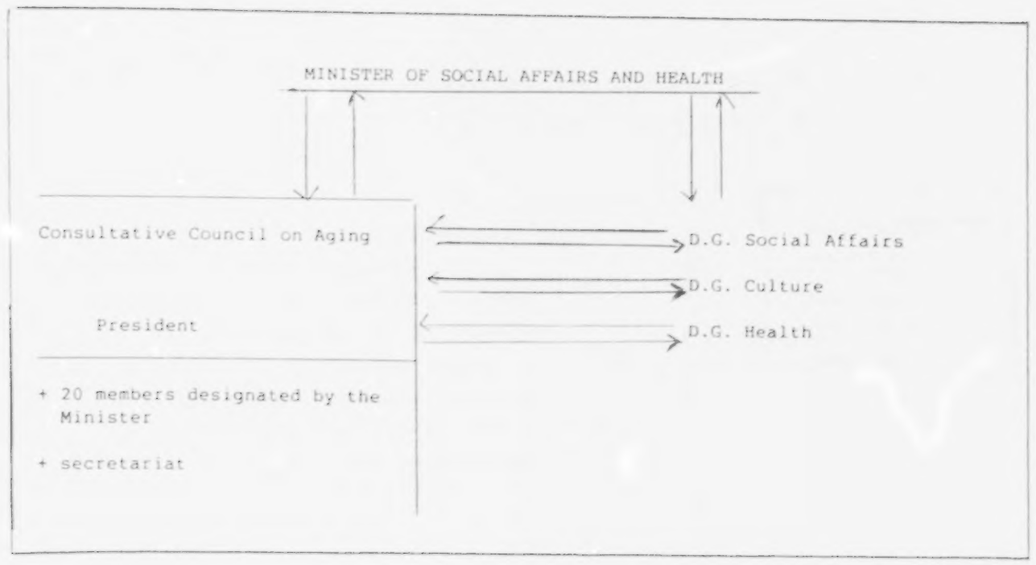
- Conservation of nature
- Culture
- Public health
- Education



BELIZE

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HEADED BY: Ms. Mary Boiton, National Coordinator

COMPOSITION:

HelpAge Belize is a private voluntary organization working in collaboration with all Government ministries and under the auspices of the Ministry of Social Services. Organizations of the elderly are represented.

An organizational chart is provided below.

NATURE: Non-governmental

FUNCTIONS:

HelpAge Belize participates in the formulation of national plans, policies and programmes.

Ageing-specific functions include: policy formulation; implementation of plans, policies and programmes (including those on day and residential care); coordination, monitoring and evaluation of activities on ageing; advocacy and promotion of the rights of the elderly; training; research; maintenance of a reference centre; publication of a newsletter; and fund-raising.

Information is exchanged internationally with affiliates of HelpAge International.

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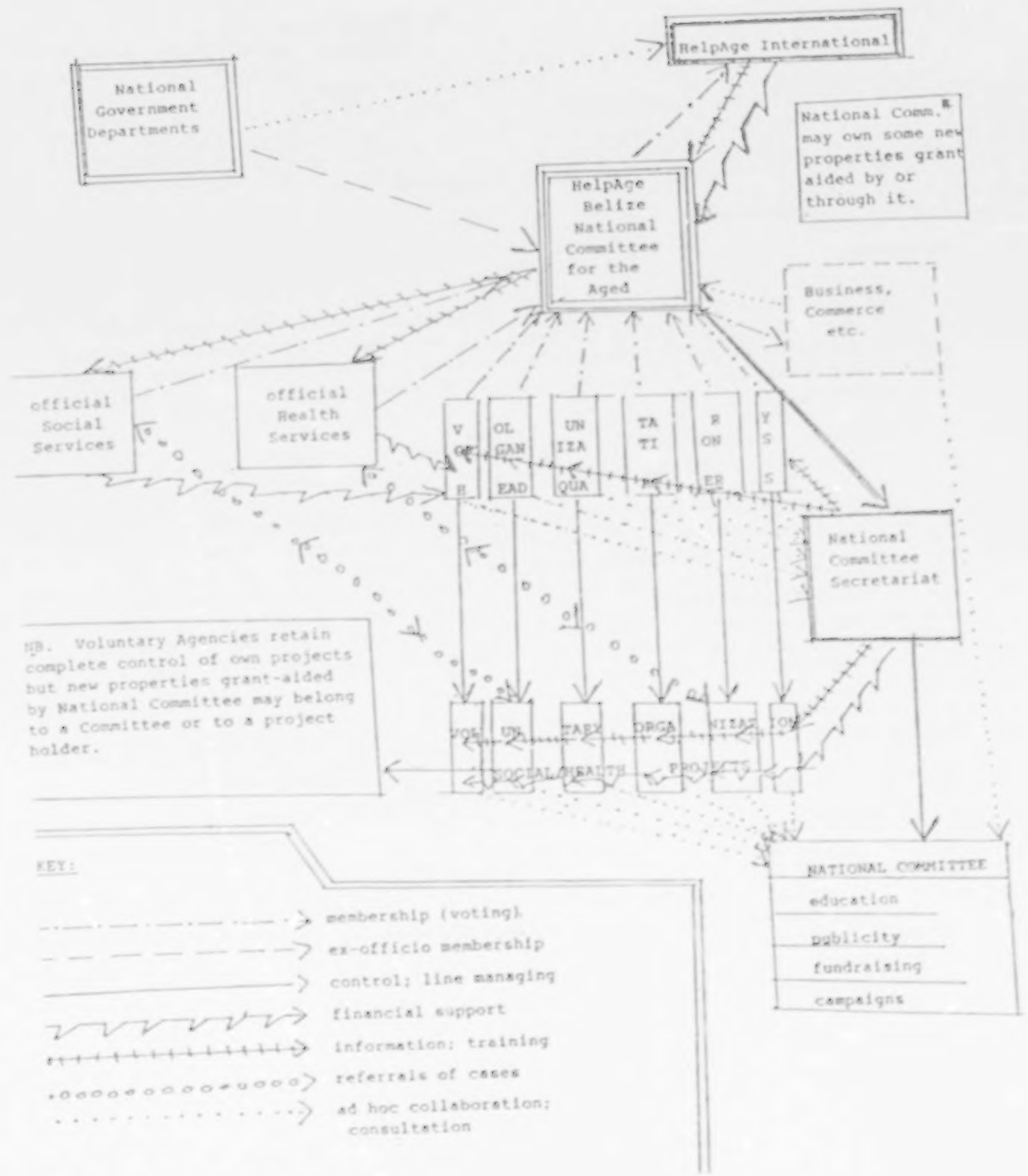
ORGANOGRAM



BOLIVIA

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HEADED BY: Ms. Rosario Paz Zamora
President

COMPOSITION: An organizational chart is provided below.

NATURE: Governmental

FUNCTIONS:

The National Solidarity and Social Development Board, which comes under the Office of the President of the Republic, is a public institution for social service and promotion with administrative, technical and financial autonomy and independent resources. A table setting out programmes, objectives and policies is provided below.

The Board is responsible for applying technical and administrative measures intended to promote overall care for elderly persons.

The National Main Office, as far as its specific functions for the benefit of the elderly are concerned, is the guiding body for social policy in the field and as a result implements its plans, programmes and projects on the basis of the socio-economic state of the elderly population. It concerns itself with the establishment of an inter-institutional coordination system with the aim of avoiding the duplication of effort, and achieving an efficient utilization of existing resources and a systematized approach to the use of the experience and data obtained in daily work.

It is active in the protection and promotion of the rights of the elderly, which includes the coordination and evaluation of activities.

Other national bodies to which the Board is linked:

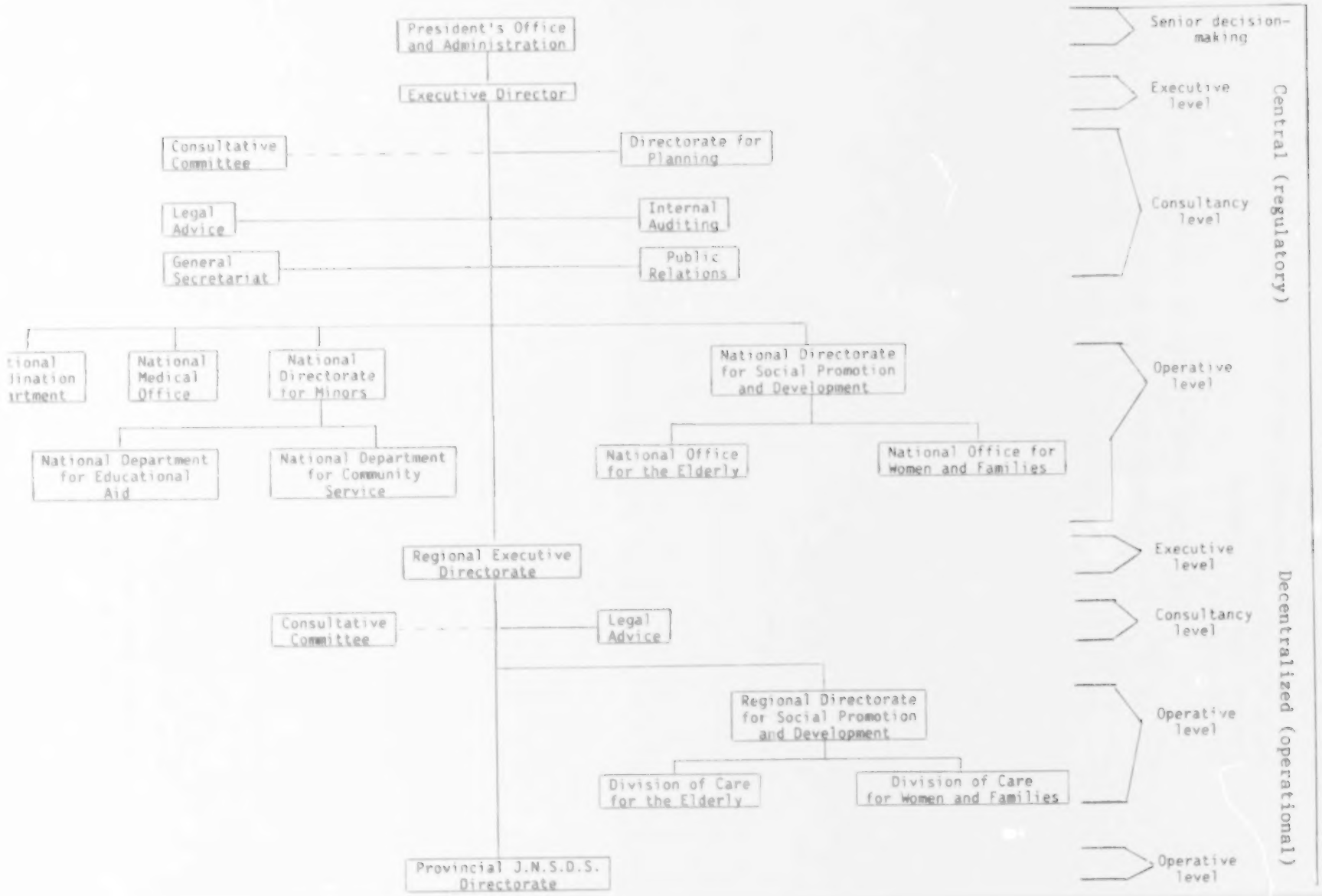
Ministry of Education
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Finance
Public Administration Pension Fund
National Confederation of Distinguished Citizens
Basic organizations
Volunteer groups
Non-governmental institutions
Bolivian Gerontological Society

Institutions with which the Board has agreements

National Food Care Office
Bolivian Catholic University
San Andres University
Ayacucho Technical Institute
Various organizations

NATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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THE AREA OF THE ELDERLY

GENERAL OBJECTIVE:

To offer elderly people care, protection and recreative occupational therapy.

Comprehensive Multifunctional Programme	Objectives	Policies	Strategies
Project for a comprehensive system of care for the elderly	*To offer assistance in nutrition, housing, health, clothing, therapy and recreation for the elderly population.	*To regulate welfare and production activities of the State-run and private institutions.	*To define the qualitative and quantitative coverage of the benefiting population. *To establish a system of inter-institutional coordination with all those who are working on the problem. *To carry out different types of research. *To establish participation by volunteers as a unit helping with the problem. *To broaden and consolidate the delegated administration system.
Socio-economic research project	*To obtain demographic data on the State-run and private homes where elderly people live.	*To promote the research urgently needed for State-run plans, programmes and projects.	*To educate the population covered by the research. *To prepare instruments of mediation. *To coordinate and designate teams responsible. *To search for and tap sources of funds from non-governmental and governmental organizations.
Grandparents Club project	*To overcome all the obstacles having a negative effect on the bio-psycho-social development of the elderly.	*Promotion and encouragement of recreational and social activities at informal friendly centres.	*To extend care to the elderly people in the community by setting up clubs with participation by persons with income, distinguished citizens and others. *To offer training recreation to people who wish to spend their free time in a positive way.
Food support project	*To help with the economy of deserving families and widows by providing food and helping extremely poor elderly people.	*Recognition by the State of those serving their country through this programme.	*To strengthen the agreement with OFINALL. *Consolidation of the programme for food and extension of it to cover the sectors involving elderly people. *Annual instrumentation.